

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-2 and 6-29;

Group II, claims 3-4; and

Group III, claim 5.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-2 and 6-29.

The Examiner has further required an election of species with regard to Group I between:

Species I, the two layer structures comprising the materials recited in claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-12;

Species II, the three layer structure comprising the materials recited in claim 8 (please note that “the three layer” should read “the two layer” since claim 8 recites the two layer structure.);

Species III, the three layer structures comprising the materials recited in claims 13 and 22-25;

Species IV, the three layer structures comprising the materials recited in claims 14 and 19;

Species V, the three layer structure comprising the materials recited in claim 15;

Species VI, the three layer structures comprising the materials recited in claim 16;

Species VII, the three layer structure comprising the materials recited in claim 17;

Species VIII, the three layer structure comprising the materials recited in claim 18;

Species IX, the three layer structure comprising the materials recited in claim 20;

Species X, the three layer structure comprising the materials recited in claim 21;

Species XI, the three layer structure comprising the materials recited in claim 26;

Species XII, the three layer structure comprising the materials recited in claim 27;

Species XIII, the three layer structure comprising the materials recited in claim 28; and

Species XIV, the three layer structure comprising the materials recited in claim 29.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species VI, directed to claim 16 and Example 30.

Claims 14-16, 18-19 and 27-29 are readable on the elected species.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr., Registration No. 28,977 at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☒ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☒ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

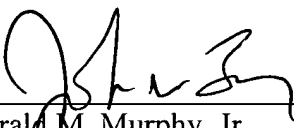
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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